

BLACKSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT
News Release

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SUBJECT: Islamic Center Burglary Investigation

Blacksburg police are investigating a burglary at a local Islamic Center.

Police were called to the Islamic Society of the New River Valley's Masjed Al Ihsan in the 1200 block of North Main Street at 4:57 am this morning for a burglary in progress. Officers arrived and met with a member who was opening the Islamic Center for morning prayers. The complainant described to police that when he opened the Islamic Center and entered the building that he heard noises and discovered that there was an unknown male inside. The suspect then fled the scene. Police searched the area with the assistance of a Montgomery County Sheriff's Office K-9, but were unable to locate a suspect.

The suspect was described as a male of an unknown race, clad in coveralls, a hat, and eye goggles.

An undetermined amount of donation money was stolen during the burglary.

The incident is still under investigation, and anyone with information regarding this incident may contact the Blacksburg Police at 540-961-1150, or the Tip Line at 961-1819.